000FORM PTO-1390 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE CUSTOMER NO. 22.852 ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES 07040.0220-00000 DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) U.S. APPLICATION NO. **CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371** (If known, see 37CFR1.5) INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED PCT/EP2003/012631 November 12, 2003 November 20, 2002 TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MOLDING AND CURING A TYRE FOR VEHICLE WHEELS APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Marco CANTU', Andrea CASALI, Pierangelo MISANI, Pier Giuseppe PIANTANIDA, Riccardo AZZARETTO Applicant(s) herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: 1. This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C 371. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include 3. items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31). Ø 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)). is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau. \boxtimes has been communicated by the International Bureau. is not required, as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)). is attached hereto. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4). b. \boxtimes 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)). are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). have been communicated by the International Bureau. b. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. \boxtimes have not been made and will not be made. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)). An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)). 10. An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: 11. \boxtimes Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. \boxtimes A FIRST preliminary amendment. 14. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.

15.		A Substitute specification.						
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